



FESTIVAL PROGRAMME

NOVUM

FESTIVAL — 2026

**A THREE-DAY TAKEOVER OF CULTURE,
PLAY & ENTERTAINMENT ACROSS
NEWCASTLE CITY CENTRE**

WELCOME TO #NOVUM26

THE CITY IS OUR PLAYGROUND

FROM 7-9 AUGUST, NEWCASTLE CITY CENTRE BECOMES ONE GIANT PLAYGROUND OF CREATIVITY, CULTURE AND FUN.

EXPECT SPECTACULAR OUTDOOR PERFORMANCES, LIVE MUSIC, GIANT INSTALLATIONS, SILENT DISCOS, FAMILY ADVENTURES, HANDS-ON WORKSHOPS, PLAYFUL ART, A DOMINO RUN OF EPIC PROPORTIONS, INSTAGRAMMABLE MOMENTS AND PLENTY OF SURPRISES WAITING TO BE DISCOVERED.

For three days, streets, squares and unexpected spaces burst into life as local, national and international artists transform the city into an unforgettable festival experience.

Whether you've got an hour or a whole weekend, there's something around every corner. Most events are FREE and drop-in, so you can wander, watch, play, make, dance, discover and stumble upon something brilliant. Alongside these, you'll also find a small number of ticketed experiences and scheduled performances.

EXPLORE. PLAY. DISCOVER. REPEAT. — EXPLORE. PLAY. DISCOVER. REPEAT. — EXPLORE.



FESTIVAL INFORMATION



ACROSS THE WEEKEND YOU'LL FIND #NOVUM26 TAKING OVER:



Explore in detail

- OUTSIDE GREAT NORTH MUSEUM: HANCOCK
- GREY STREET (OUTSIDE END CLOTHING)
- NEWCASTLE CITY LIBRARY
- INSIDE AND OUTSIDE NEWCASTLE CIVIC CENTRE
- NEWCASTLE CONTEMPORARY ART GALLERY / HIGH BRIDGE WORKS
- OUTSIDE NORTHERN STAGE
- NORTHUMBERLAND STREET

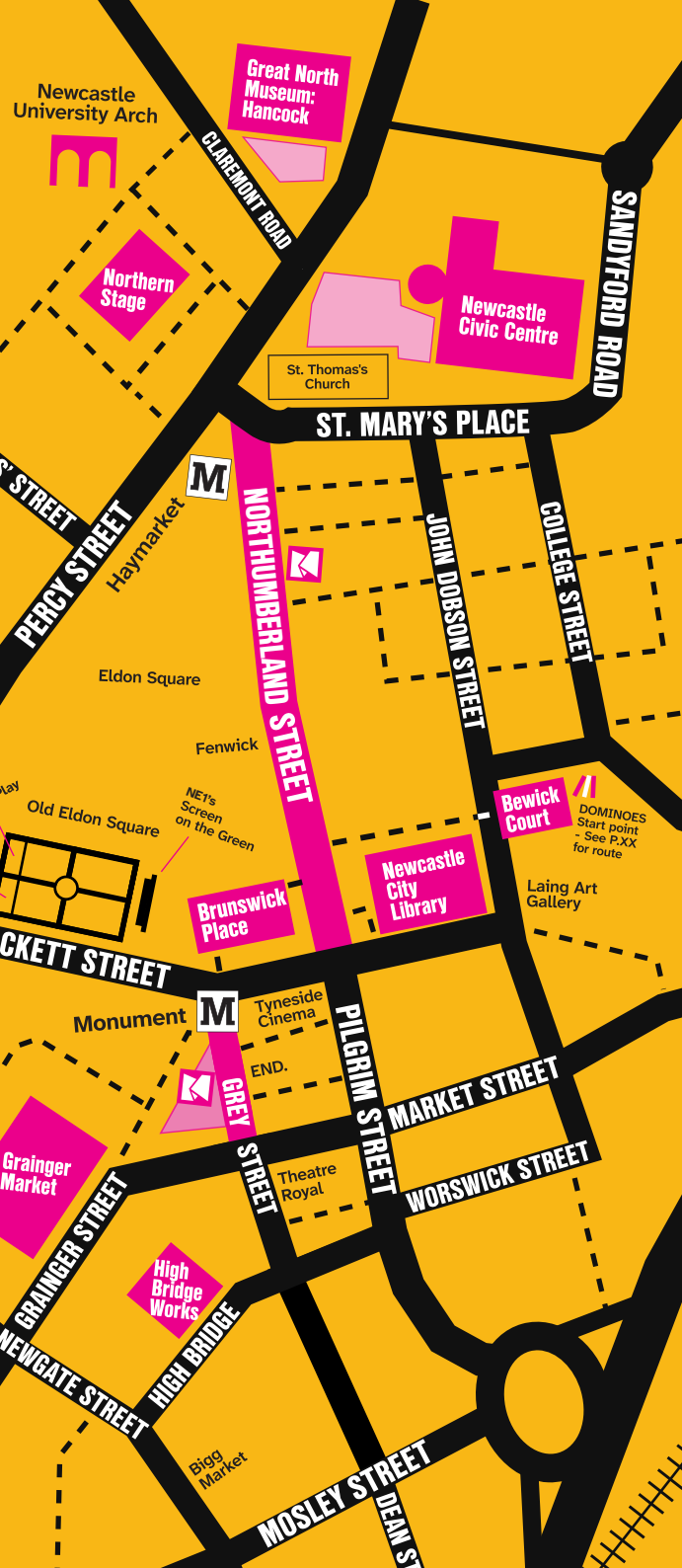
Most events are FREE with no booking required; simply turn up and join in. Ticketed events are clearly marked throughout this programme and on our website.

Need a hand? Look out for our NOVUM Information Points, festival signage, and our friendly team of staff and volunteers in bright pink NOVUM T-shirts. They'll be happy to help you make the most of your visit.

For festival FAQs, visitor guidance and the latest information, visit our website before you arrive: www.novumnewcastle.com

- **Civic Centre**
what3words.com/reject.smiles.tones
- **Northumberland Street:**
what3words.com/themes.shelf.snows
- **Monument:**
what3words.com/groups.doctor.inch

 **Pink elements =
Key NOVUM locations**



If you have any questions before your visit, please get in touch at novum@newcastle.gov.uk.

FRI 7 AUG

SAT 8 AUG

		LOCATION	LISTING	11:00	11:15	11:30	11:45	12:00	12:15	12:30	12:45	13:00	13:15	13:30	13:45	14:00	14:15	14:30	14:45	15:00	15:15	15:30	15:45	16:00	16:15	16:30	16:45	17:00	17:15	... 19:00 +						
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NCA	Newcastle Contemporary Art	Melanie Baker - Live (Gig)																										19:30-22:15 (2.45 hrs)								
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Family Zone	Civic Centre: Gardens & Ceremonial Way	Colour Outside the Lines Josie Brookes & Tom Madge	11:00-17:00 (6hrs)																																	
		String and Strong Fully Booked Theatre		11:15-11:35 (20 mins)																				16:00-16:20 (20 mins)												
		Little Inventors X Lit and Phil	11:00-17:00 (6hrs)																																	
	Civic Centre Quad	Right to Play PiF-Paf	11am-4pm (5hrs)																																	
		The Turkey & the Caterpillar Curious Arts		11:30-12:00 (30mins) (BSL)												13:00-13:30 (30 mins) (BSL)				15:00-15:30 (30 mins) (BSL)																
		Once Upon a Wall Fully Booked Theatre						12:00-12:30 (30mins) (BSL)														14:30-15:00 (30 mins) (BSL)														
		The Swings All or Nothing	The Swings 11:00-11:15 (15mins) (BSL)	Swinging 11:15- 12:15 (1hr)					The Swings 12:30-12:45 (15mins)				Swinging 12:45-13:45 (1hr)					The Swings 14:00-14:15 (15mins)				Swinging 14:15-15:15 (1hr)				The Swings 15:30-15:45 (15mins) (BSL)				Swinging 15:45-17:00 (1hr 15mins)						
		Gigantic Bubble Fun The Bubble Whisperer													13:30-14:00 (30 mins)																					
	Banqueting Hall	Squid Soup Submergence	Family Disco 11:00-13:00 (2 hrs)										Submergence (Open viewing) 13.30-16:00																		Adult Disco 19:00-23:00 (4 hrs)					
GNM	Great North Museum: Hancock	Beats, Cycle and Song Payal Ramchandani	11:00-11:30 (30 mins)														13:30-14:00 (30 mins)														16:00-16:30 (30 mins)					
		String and Strong Fully Booked Theatre											13:00-13:20 (20 mins)														14:45-15:05 (20 mins)									
		Mr Wilson's Second Liners																								16:45-17:15 (30 mins)										
		Gigantic Bubble Fun The Bubble Whisperer																			15:30-16:00 (30 mins)															
Northern Stage	Northern Stage	Bird Rave Miss High Leg Kick	11:15-11:40 (25 mins)														13:30-13:55 (25 mins) (BSL)																			
		TRUTH! Ramshacklicious							12:00-12:30 (30mins) (AUDIO DESCRIPTION)														14:15-14:45 (30mins) (AUDIO DESCRIPTION)													
		Gigantic Bubble Fun The Bubble Whisperer										12:30-13:00 (30 mins)																								
	Newcastle University Arch	Silent Disco Red Herring	11:00-11:45 (45mins)																						14:00-14:45 (45mins)											
City Library	Newcastle CityLibrary	Cabinet of Curiosity Studio Reshaping the Toon	Workshop 11:00-13:00 (2 hours)																																	
Northumberland Street	Northumberland Street	Possé Sound de Secà Starts outside Fenwick											12:45-13:30 (45mins)														15:30-16:15 (45mins)									
		Kamchätka Starts outside Fenwick																			15:00-16:00 (1hr)															
		Blockbuster Factory Cat and Mouse Theatre In front of M&S	11:00-11:40 (40mins)														13:30-14:10 (40mins)																			
	Roving	Mr Wilson's Second Liners Starts outside Fenwick																			14:30-15:00 (30 mins)															
Wheelie Proud Curious Arts								12:15-12:35 (20 mins)														4:05-14:25 (20 mins)				15:30-15:50 (20 mins)										
Monument	Grey Street (in front of END)	BLOCK Motionhouse									12:00-12:40 (40 mins)														14:45-15:25 (40 mins)											
		The Fabric of Us Lizzie and Luca											12:45-13:05 (20mins) (BSL)														14:15-14:35 (20mins)									
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	Grainger Market	You are Here NOVUM The Six Twenty					11:30-12:30 (1hr)												13:00-14:00 (1hr)										14:30-15:30 (1hr)				16:00-17:00 (1hr)			
	High Bridge Works	A Room In Bloom Roisin Taylor & Yvette Ja	11:00-17:00 (6hrs)																																	



AT-A-GLANCE SCHEDULE

SUN 9 AUG

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	Eldon Square Community Corner	You are Here NOVUM The Six Twenty				11:30-12:30 (1hr)						13:00-14:00 (1hr)						14:30-15:30 (1hr)																		
	A winding route: city centre	DOMINOES													DOMINOES Route Complete										DOMINOES FALL 16:30-17:00											
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Explore #NOVUM26 in and around the following places

INSIDE AND AROUND NEWCASTLE CIVIC CENTRE

OUTSIDE GREAT NORTH MUSEUM:
HANCOCK

OUTSIDE NORTHERN STAGE
& NEWCASTLE UNIVERSITY

ACROSS THE CITY CENTRE

NORTHUMBERLAND St,
GREY St, HIGHBRIDGE WORKS,
NEWCASTLE CONTEMPORARY ART
AND MORE

FREE
JUST DROP IN

NOVUM: PLAYING OUT

Giant bubbles. Giant swings.
Mud kitchens. Face painting.
Theatre. Aerial performers.
Brilliantly bonkers inventions.
Games. Colouring. Glitter.
And loads more.

**You're invited to
play out with us!**

For one weekend only, Newcastle
Civic Centre transforms into
a giant outdoor playground
packed with free performances,
hands-on activities and creative
adventures for all ages.

**JUST TURN UP AND
DIVE INTO OUR PLAYING
OUT PROGRAMME...**

**8/9
AUG**

SATURDAY 8 AUGUST - 11AM - 5PM
SUNDAY 9 AUGUST - 11AM - 4PM
OUTSIDE NEWCASTLE CIVIC CENTRE

THE PROGRAMME

IN THE QUADRANGLE AT
NEWCASTLE CIVIC CENTRE:

FESTIVAL FACE PAINTING

By Not Just A Pretty Facepaint

Saturday 11am–5pm
& Sunday 11am –4pm

Festival faces at the ready! Add a splash of colour, sparkle and glitter before heading off to explore **#NOVUM26**.

FREE – JUST DROP IN

THE SWINGS

By All or Nothing

Both days: 11am–11.15am (BSL Interpreted),
12.30pm–12.45pm, 2pm–2.15pm
& 3.30pm–3.45pm (BSL Interpreted)

A giant swing set meets breath taking aerial performance. Watch incredible performers soar high above you before taking your own turn on the swings.

FREE – JUST TURN UP AT PERFORMANCE START TIME

RIGHT TO PLAY

By Pif Paf

Saturday 11am–4pm
& Sunday 11am –4pm

A playful adventure playground packed with mud kitchens, den building, climbing, balancing and hands-on creative play. Build, explore, imagine and play together.

FREE – JUST DROP IN

STRING & STRONG'S BIG GAMEATHON

By Fully Booked Theatre

Both days:
11.15am–11.35am & 4pm–4.20pm

Big games. Silly challenges. Endless fun. Join String and Strong for a playful walkabout adventure full of laughter, movement and mayhem.

FREE – JUST TURN UP AT PERFORMANCE START TIME

THE TURKEY & THE CATERPILLAR

By Curious Arts

Both days: 11.30am, 1pm & 3pm
(All performances are BSL interpreted)

A joyful, funny family show celebrating friendship, transformation and having the courage to be yourself.

FREE – JUST TURN UP AT PERFORMANCE START TIME

IN THE QUADRANGLE AT
NEWCASTLE CIVIC CENTRE:

GIGANTIC BUBBLE FUN

By The Bubble Whisperer Jamie
& Bubbles & Squeak Dee

Both days: 2.30pm–3pm

Prepare for a riot of giant bubbles, colourful performances and plenty of chances to make your own.

FREE – JUST DROP IN

COLOUR OUTSIDE THE LINES

By Josie Brookes & Tom Madge

Saturday 11am–5pm
& Sunday 11am –4pm

Go big, get colourful and help create a giant collaborative artwork by colouring huge outdoor blocks throughout the weekend.

FREE – JUST DROP IN

ONCE UPON A WALL

By Fully Booked Theatre

Both days: 12noon & 2.30pm
(All performances are BSL interpreted)

Humpty Dumpty as you've never seen him before. Expect street dance, audience participation and one egg with very big dreams.

FREE – JUST TURN UP AT PERFORMANCE START TIME

OUTSIDE THE FRONT OF
NEWCASTLE CIVIC CENTRE:

MYTHS & LEGENDS

By Little Inventors

Saturday 11am–5pm
& Sunday 11am –4pm

Become an inventor for the day! Dream up brilliantly bonkers inventions that make everyday life more fun, solve tiny annoyances or simply make people smile.

FREE – JUST DROP IN

PLAY. SWING. BUBBLE. MAKE DANCE. COLOUR. INVENT. REPEAT.

NEWCASTLE CIVIC CENTRE



GAN CANNY AT #NOVUM26

SAT 8 + SUN 9 AUG

11AM–5PM & 11AM–4PM

BY SALLY SOUTHERN, NICOLA LYNCH &
COMMUNITIES OF NEWCASTLE
@ THE ARCHES RECEPTION
FREE – JUST DROP IN

Explore this mini exhibition celebrating the colourful designs behind #NOVUM26's giant flags and bunting, co-created by artists Sally Southern and Nicola Lynch with more than 40 community groups from across Newcastle. Then keep your eyes peeled as you explore the festival and spot the full-sized artworks flying proudly across the city centre inside and outside NOVUM venues.



FAMILY GLOW SILENT DISCO

SAT 8 + SUN 9 AUG

11AM–1PM

BY AWESOME SILENT DISCOS & SQUIDSOUP
@ THE BANQUETING HALL
ADULTS £8.50, CHILDREN £3.50 & FAMILY
TICKET BUNDLES AVAILABLE

Silent disco... but make it a family rave inside a glowing light installation. Grab your crew and get ready to dance your socks off at #NOVUM26! Three battling DJs. One seriously spectacular dancefloor. Endless bangers. From 90s throwbacks and 00s anthems to today's biggest hits and kids' party favourites, expect sing-a-longs, dance-offs and full-on main character energy.

BOOK TICKETS >



NEWCASTLE CIVIC CENTRE



SUBMERGENCE

SAT 8 + SUN 9 AUG

1.30PM–5PM & 1.30PM–4PM

BY SQUIDSOUP
@ THE BANQUETING HALL
FREE – JUST DROP IN

Step into a breathtaking world of light, sound and movement in Submergence, an immersive walk-through installation by internationally acclaimed artists Squidsoup. Wander beneath thousands of glowing lights as they shimmer, pulse and respond to the people around you, all set to an atmospheric soundtrack.



AFTERGLOW SILENT DISCO

SAT 8 AUG

7PM

BY AWESOME SILENT DISCOS & SQUIDSOUP
@ THE BANQUETING HALL
ADULTS £15

Round up your mates, grab a drink and step inside Afterglow – a silent disco like no other, set inside Squidsoup's breathtaking installation Submergence. With three live DJs, three music channels and thousands of glowing lights pulsing around you, it's an unforgettable night of big tunes, big laughs and late-night festival magic.

BOOK TICKETS >



OUTSIDE GREAT NORTH MUSEUM: HANCOCK



FREE JUST TURN UP
FOR PERFORMANCE
START TIME.



BEATS, CYCLES & SONG

Experience an uplifting celebration of music, movement and connection as South Indian Carnatic rhythms, Afro-music and North East folk traditions come together in a powerful live performance shaped with Newcastle communities.

A city of many rhythms and voices, meeting in one shared pulse, led by professional musicians, dancers and community performers.

Beats, Cycles & Song explores ideas of becoming home, what we carry, what we miss, and what stays with us, through Newcastle's many cultures, voices and communities.

**8
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11AM, 1.30PM & 4PM
OUTSIDE GREAT NORTH MUSEUM: HANCOCK

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The North East's best B-boys and B-girls go head-to-head in explosive Breaking battles packed with jaw-dropping moves, big beats and unbeatable energy.

Expect live DJs, local performances, free workshops and an electric celebration of Hip-Hop culture.

TRIPLE THREAT X
NOVUM PRESENT:

NOVUM BATTLE



11AM–12NOON:
Free Beginners Breaking Workshop
w/B-boy Justice (Bad Taste Cru)

12NOON–1PM:
Battle Registration & Cypher Warm-up

1PM–4PM:
2 vs 2 Breaking Battles

**9
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FREE - JUST DROP IN
OUTSIDE GREAT NORTH MUSEUM: HANCOCK

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STRING AND STRONG'S GREAT BIG GAMEATHON

SAT 8 + SUN 9 AUG

1PM & 2.45PM

BY FULLY BOOKED THEATRE

@ OUTSIDE GREAT NORTH MUSEUM: HANCOCK
FREE - JUST TURN UP

Big games. Silly challenges. Endless fun. Join String and Strong as they take over #NOVUM26 with a playful walkabout performance full of laughter, movement and mayhem.

MR WILSON'S SECOND LINERS - LIVE

SAT 8 AUG

4.45PM

BY MR WILSON'S SECOND LINERS

@ OUTSIDE GREAT NORTH MUSEUM: HANCOCK
FREE - JUST TURN UP

A riotous street party where New Orleans brass band energy collides with 90s rave anthems and full-on carnival chaos.

GIGANTIC BUBBLE FUN

SAT 8 + SUN 9 AUG

3.30PM

BY THE BUBBLE WHISPERER JAMIE
AND BUBBLES & SQUEAK DEE

@ OUTSIDE GREAT NORTH MUSEUM: HANCOCK
FREE - JUST TURN UP

Prepare for a riot of colour, creativity and giant bubble fun, with fun bubble performances and plenty of chances to make your own.

FOR
TEENS

VINYL 4 TEENZ

SAT 8 + SUN 9 AUG

11:30AM & 2:30PM

WITH NRTHRN BABY & CEM.DES

@ OUTSIDE GREAT NORTH MUSEUM: HANCOCK
FREE - JUST DROP IN

Grab a vinyl, make your mark and create something that's unapologetically you in our #NOVUM26 Teen Zone.

FOR
TEENS

WHEELIE PROUD FLAG MAKING

SAT 8 + SUN 9 AUG

11:30AM-1:30PM & 2:30PM-4:30PM

WITH CURIOUS ARTS

@ OUTSIDE GREAT NORTH MUSEUM: HANCOCK
FREE - JUST DROP IN

Go bold with glitter, colour, patterns and messages that celebrate who you are, what you love or simply what makes you smile.

OUTSIDE NORTHERN STAGE & NEWCASTLE UNIVERSITY



BIRD RAVE

SAT 8 + SUN 9 AUG

11.15AM & 1.30PM

BY MISS HIGH LEG KICK

1.30PM PERFORMANCES HAVE BSL
INTERPRETATION

FREE - JUST TURN UP

A wildly fun outdoor dance performance where bird-inspired performers, classic rave tunes, and dancefloor chaos collide, get ready to flock and shake those tail feathers!

GIGANTIC BUBBLE FUN

SAT 8 + SUN 9 AUG

12.30PM

BY THE BUBBLE WHISPERER JAMIE
AND BUBBLES & SQUEAK DEE

FREE - JUST TURN UP

Prepare for a riot of colour, creativity and giant bubble fun, with fun bubble performances and plenty of chances to make your own.



TRUTH!

SAT 8 + SUN 9 AUG

12NOON & 2.15PM

BY RAMSHACKLICIOUS & HIJINX

TOUCH TOUR - SATURDAY AT 11.30AM
FREE - JUST TURN UP

What if a brighter future started with a game? Full of humour, hope and gentle chaos, this joyful outdoor performance explores what happens when strangers come together with curiosity, kindness and imagination.

Saturday
shows
have Audio
Description
available.

BOOK FREE
HEADSET >



STRING AND STRONG'S GREAT BIG GAMEATHON

SAT 8 + SUN 9 AUG

2.45PM

BY FULLY BOOKED THEATRE

FREE - JUST TURN UP

Big games. Silly challenges. Endless fun. Join String and Strong as they take over #NOVUM26 with a playful walkabout performance full of laughter, movement and mayhem.

ACROSS CITY CENTRE: NORTHUMBERLAND STREET & GREY STREET

RESHAPING THE TOON

SAT 8 AUG

10AM–1.30PM

BY CABINET OF CURIOSITY
@ NEWCASTLE CITY LIBRARY
FREE – JUST DROP IN

Watch Newcastle grow one paper creation at a time. Help build a giant paper Newcastle by creating buildings, paper dominoes and imaginative ideas, then join the 1pm paper domino run as your creations tumble through the city.



BLOCKBUSTER FACTORY

SAT 8 + SUN 9 AUG

11AM & 1.30PM

NORTHUMBERLAND STREET
BY CAT AND MOUSE THEATRE
FREE – JUST TURN UP

Immerse yourself in Martin Beilspurgs latest movie extravaganza, as he attempts to recruit the cast and crew from the Newcastle city centre streets. NB. All props and equipment are bananas.



WHEELIE PROUD

SAT 8 + SUN 9 AUG

12.15PM, 2.05PM & 3.30PM

NORTHUMBERLAND STREET
BY CURIOUS ARTS
FREE – JUST TURN UP

A glittering disco on wheels bringing music, movement, colour and feel-good fun to #NOVUM26 through a joyful celebration of self-expression and community.

PORTALS

SAT 8 + SUN 9 AUG

11AM–5PM & 11AM–4PM

BY BRIDGE CREATIVE
JUST STUMBLE UPON
FREE – CAN YOU FIND THEM?

Discover four giant Portals bursting with colour, light, bubbles, sound and playful surprises – immersive, selfie-worthy gateways inviting you to step into the world of #NOVUM26.

ACROSS CITY CENTRE: NORTHUMBERLAND STREET & GREY STREET



KAMCHÀTKA

SAT 8 + SUN 9 AUG

11.15AM

STARTS OUTSIDE END. CLOTHING

3PM

STARTS OUTSIDE FENWICK

FREE – JUST TURN UP

Eight travellers. One city. Endless possibilities. Follow a curious group of suitcase-carrying strangers as they explore Newcastle, transforming everyday moments into unexpected adventures filled with connection, curiosity and wonder.



BLOCK

SAT 8 + SUN 9 AUG

12NOON & 2.45PM

BY MOTIONHOUSE
OUTSIDE END. CLOTHING
FREE – JUST TURN UP

An outdoor dance-circus spectacle using giant moving blocks, acrobatics, and energetic physical theatre to deconstruct city life.

ACROSS CITY CENTRE: NORTHUMBERLAND STREET & GREY STREET



FABRIC OF US

SAT 8 + SUN 9 AUG

**12.45PM (WITH BSL INTERPRETATION)
& 2.15PM**

**BY LIZZIE KLOTZ & LUCA RUTHERFORD
STARTS OUTSIDE END. CLOTHING
FREE - JUST TURN UP**

An outdoor dance performance celebrating connection, community, and togetherness in a divided world featuring a powerful soundscape created from the voices of people across the North East.



POSSE

SAT 8 + SUN 9 AUG

12.45PM & 3.30PM

**BY SOUND DE SECÀ
STARTS OUTSIDE FENWICK
FREE - JUST TURN UP**

An electrifying outdoor spectacle of percussion, dance and live music bursting with infectious rhythms, powerful performances and an irresistible invitation to move, connect and celebrate together.

MR WILSON'S SECOND LINERS - LIVE

SAT 8 AUG

11.30AM & 2.30PM

**BY MR WILSON'S SECOND LINERS
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STICKY LIPS - LIVE

SUN 9 AUG

11.30AM, 1.15PM & 2.30PM

FREE - JUST TURN UP

An explosive brass band serving up bold beats, reimagined pop bangers and an infectious street party guaranteed to get everyone dancing.

ACROSS CITY CENTRE: HIGHBRIDGE WORKS & NEWCASTLE CONTEMPORARY ART (NCA)



MELANIE BAKER + STAITHE - LIVE AT #NOVUM26

FRI 7 AUG

7.30PM

ADULTS £15

Step inside A Room in Bloom and experience one of the North East's most exciting live artists in a setting unlike any other; one of the most unique (and Instagramable) gigs you'll experience this summer. Surrounded by towering flowers, delicate paper blooms and an immersive floral wonderland, Melanie Baker brings her powerful, emotionally charged music to #NOVUM26 for an intimate and unique gig.



A ROOM IN BLOOM

SAT 8 + SUN 9 AUG

11AM-5PM & 11AM-4PM

**BY YVETTE JA, NORTHERN SKY CREATIVE &
VERDE FLOWER CO.
FREE - JUST DROP IN**

Part installation, part drop-in artist workshop with Yvette Ja - wander through a towering floral wonderland and discover where fresh blooms end and paper petals begin.

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THOUSANDS OF
BREEZE BLOCKS.
A GIANT CHAIN REACTION.
ONE INCREDIBLE DOMINO
RUN WEAVING THROUGH
THE STREETS OF
NEWCASTLE CITY
CENTRE.

WALK THE ROUTE
FROM 2.30PM
// EXPERIENCE THE
FALL AT 4.30PM

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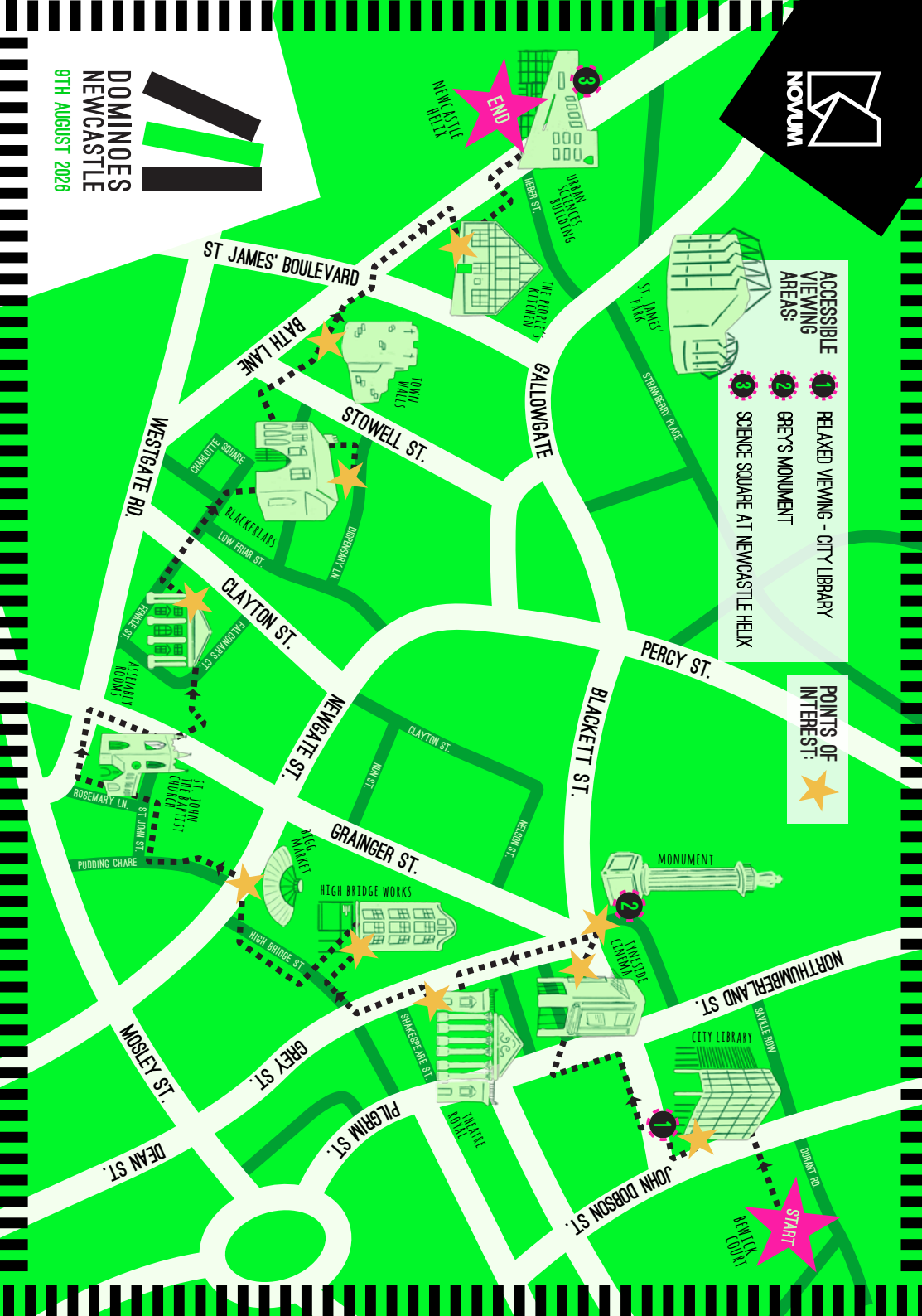


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AREAS:

- 1 RELAXED VIEWING - CITY LIBRARY
- 2 GREYS MONUMENT
- 3 SCIENCE SQUARE AT NEWCASTLE HELIX

POINTS OF
INTEREST:





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HERE**
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Pop on a headset and explore Newcastle through the voices of the people who call it home.

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THE SECRET PARADE

A FREE treasure hunt uncovering hidden artworks, clues, and Newcastle's medieval past. Pick up a map and crayons outside Brunswick Church.

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- CHARACTER VISITS**
- FACE PAINTING + BADGE MAKING +
ARTS & CRAFTS + BUBBLE ARTIST**
- AND SO MUCH MORE!**

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